H. R. 3805

To authorize matching funds for State and local firearm buy-back programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 3, 1994

Mr. Weldon (for himself and Mr. Holden) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Federal Firearm Buy-
- 5 Back Initiative Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. MATCHING FUNDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL FIRE-
- 7 ARM BUY-BACK PROGRAMS.
- 8 (a) FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—The Attorney Gen-
- 9 eral shall establish a program under which the Attorney
- 10 General will enter into agreements to contribute, and will
- 11 contribute, up to 50 percent of the funds needed to provide

- 1 merchandise, certificates that may be used to acquire mer-
- 2 chandise or services, or other non-cash incentives to indi-
- 3 viduals to turn in firearms to firearm buy-back programs
- 4 operated by State or local governments or private entities
- 5 (or to individuals who provide information to local law en-
- 6 forcement agencies that leads to the arrest and conviction
- 7 of an individual or individuals who have committed a crime
- 8 with the use of a firearm).
- 9 (b) QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS.—In
- 10 an agreement under subsection (a), the Attorney Gen-
- 11 eral—
- 12 (1) may agree to contribute to a firearm buy-
- back program an amount that is not greater than
- the amount of State and local public funds and pri-
- vate funds committed to the program at the time of
- the agreement;
- 17 (2) shall require that all firearms that are
- turned in to the program will be destroyed;
- 19 (3) shall require that the program agree to pro-
- vide only merchandise, certificates that may be used
- 21 to acquire merchandise or services, or other incen-
- tives other than cash to individuals who turn in fire-
- 23 arms; and
- 24 (4)(A) may set such other qualifications, terms,
- and conditions as may be appropriate to ensure that

- 1 the program is operated in an efficient and bona fide
- 2 manner consistent with the interests of law enforce-
- 3 ment; but
- 4 (B) may not prescribe the terms under which
- 5 the program will accept firearms in exchange for any
- 6 offered incentive.
- 7 (c) TERMINATION.—The program under subsection
- 8 (a) shall terminate on September 30, 1995.
- 9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
- 10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
- 11 out of the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund to be es-
- 12 tablished under section 1115 of title 31, United States
- 13 Code, as added by section 1353 of the Violent Crime Con-
- 14 trol and Law Enforcement Act of 1993, \$15,000,000 for
- 15 each of fiscal years 1994 and 1995.
- 16 (e) Report.—Not later than December 31, 1995, the
- 17 Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report assess-
- 18 ing the effect that operation of the firearm buy-back pro-
- 19 grams funded under this Act has had in reducing the inci-
- 20 dence of crime in the jurisdictions in which the programs
- 21 were operated.